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Applicants : Roland E. Dolle, et al.
Application No. : 10/668,475 Confirmation No. : 2933
Filed : September 22, 2004
For : 4-PYRIDAZINECARBOXAMIDES AND ESTERS AS
INTERLEUKIN-1 β CONVERTING ENZYME
INHIBITORS
Group Art Unit : 1624
Examiner : Dr. Thomas C. McKenzie, Ph.D.

Palo Alto, CA 94301
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the March 11, 2004 Office Action, applicants submit the following amendments and response.

Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of time and paid the fee set forth at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), extending time to respond to Saturday, September 11, 2004.

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Hence, this response is timely filed on the next business day:
Monday, September 13, 2004.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(b) and (c) paid the required fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)).

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.